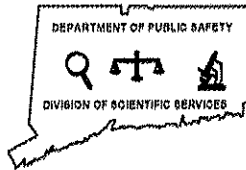




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**SB 309 AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL ELEVATOR SAFETY**

***The Department of Public Safety opposes this bill.***

This proposed bill requires that elevators within private residences be inspected by Department of Public Safety Elevator Inspectors at the time of sale of such residence and that a report be given to the prospective buyer.

Presently, the Bureau of Elevators inspects all new elevators being installed within private residences at the time of installation and at any time an owner requests additional inspections as required by Section 29-195, of the Connecticut General Statutes. These inspection practices for private residences have been in place since 2000 (PA 00-165) with no documented case of injury within Connecticut.

If safety confirmation at time of sale is desired, there is no reason why trained personnel from an elevator company could not perform such inspection at the time of sale and give the report to the prospective buyer as part of a home inspection. Home inspections are routinely performed on equipment within residences that do not require that the inspection be done by state or municipal inspectors.

Due to the current backlog, the Department does not have adequate elevator inspectors to comply with this new mandate. Passage of this bill would require new hires and have fiscal impact on the agency.

Sincerely,

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